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SUBJECT: SOMALI POSITION ON TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY

REF: A) KHARTOUM 1205; B) STATE 70318

1. GERALD SCOTT HAS WITH HIM ONLY AVAILABLE COPY OF BOOK ENTITLED QTE THE ETHIOPIA-SOMALI-KENYA DISPUTE 1960-67 UNQTE WHICH CONTAINS TEXTS OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS CONCERNING SOMALIA'S RESPECT FOR NEIGHBORS' TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY BY FORMER PRIME MINISTERS MOHAMED IBRAHIM EGAL AND ABDIRAZAK HAGI HUSSEIN.

2. SAM HAMRICK BELIEVES EMBASSY MOGADISCIO MUST HAVE PUBLISHED PAPERBACK COPIES OF TWO COLLECTIONS OF MAJOR SPEECHES BY PRESIDENT SIAD DATED RESPECTIVELY IN 1972 AND 1974 OR 5. SAM RECALLS THAT THESE CONTAIN STATEMENTS BY SIAD IN WHICH, WHILE CAREFULLY AVOIDING THE TERM "TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY", HE DOES ABJURE THE USE OF FORCE AGAINST SOMALIA'S NEIGHBORS AND DENIES HAVING TERRITORIAL CLAIMS ALL IN THE CONTEXT OF ASSERTION THAT SOMALIA'S ONLY
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ENEMIES ARE IGNORANCE, POVERTY AND DISEASE. SAM THINKS SOME SUCH STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY SIAD WHEN HE WAS HOSTING THE OAU SUMMIT IN MOGADISCIO IN JUNE 1974, AND FOLLOWING HIS SIGNING IN JULY 1974 OF THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP WITH

THE SOVIET UNION. YOU MAY WANT TO TAILOR TALKING POINT IN PARA II REF B ACCORDINGLY.

3. INCIDENTALLY, SOMALI CONSTITUTION REQUIRES THAT
GOAL OF GREATER SOMALIA BE PURSUED ONLY BY LEGAL AND
PEACEFUL MEANS. USEFULNESS OF THIS TO YOU NOW MAY BE
VITIATED BY OUR UNDERSTANDING, WHICH YOU WILL WANT TO
CHECK OUT WITH JOHN LOUGHRAN, THAT THE CONSTITUTION
CONTAINING THOSE BENIGN WORDS WAS ABROGATED WHEN SIAD
SEIZED POWER IN 1969. VANCE

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